

The Australian gallery set to steal the show at Design Miami

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Broached Commissions is the first Australian gallery to participate in the event – and the director says they're a highlight.



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Not My Problem cabinet by Dokter and Misses (2019), courtesy of Hayden Phipps.

Aric Chen is this year's curatorial director of Design Miami, a prestigious art fair showcasing contemporary work from around the globe. Since 2011, Chen has been keenly watching the development of the Broached Commissions gallery in Melbourne, and this year, they are his top pick for the festival. "I'm impressed by the thoughtfulness, rigor and wit with which they approach design,"

he says. "[Their current exhibition at Design Miami] reveals the mechanisms of power, fashion and desire that are embedded in objects."

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Roberto Lugo at work, photographed by Neal Santos, courtesy of Wexler Gallery.

Roberto Lugo

It was only this spring, at the High Museum in Atlanta, that I saw Roberto Lugo's work for the first time. A self-described 'ghetto potter,' the Philadelphia-based ceramic artist revisits decorative arts traditions through the lenses of hip hop, African-American history, graffiti, popular culture and activism. He's creating an immersive installation at Design Miami, through Wexler Gallery, that will bring all these vocabularies together –including through two large-scale porcelain funerary urns – to address gun violence in the US.